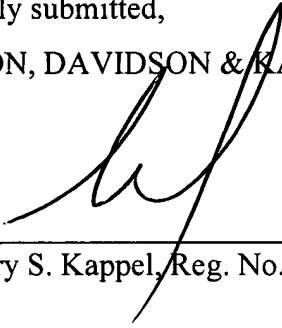


REMARKS

The claims of PCT/US2004/001628 has been amended to conform to U.S. practice. Claims 1-40 are now pending. Consideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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